

That is why I strongly support H. Res. 726, which condemns the continuing political, economic, and military aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine and the violation of its sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity.

I strongly support the resolution's demand that the Russian Federation remove its military forces and military equipment from the territory of Ukraine, including equipment provided to the separatist and paramilitary forces.

I applaud the resolution's call for the President to cooperate with allies and partners in Europe and other nations around the world to impose visa bans, targeted asset freezes, sector sanctions, and other measures on the Russian Federation and its leadership sufficient to compel it to end its violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in voting for H. Res 726.

TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, as Taiwan's national day, known as Double Ten Day, approaches on October 10, I rise to remind my colleagues that Taiwan, our democratic ally, continues to be left out of international organizations at the insistence of China.

Taiwan's exclusion does not befit a society that is modern, prosperous, and democratic, and a government whose institutions have implemented the operating procedures and guidelines set forth by the very international organizations from which it has been shut out. America shares many values with Taiwan, including our commitment to democracy, human rights, and free markets, and this is a voice from which we should hear in the forums debating the complex issues and challenges of our time.

The best way we can honor our friends in Taiwan as they celebrate their national day, in addition to extending our best wishes and congratulations—which I do now—is to continue to build on the work we have done to strengthen Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations where Taiwan's membership is impossible due to its unique political status. I hope my colleagues will join me in this effort and also join me in wishing Taiwan a Happy Double Ten Day.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION OF QUAKEWRAP FOR ITS SUCCESS IN IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY WORLDWIDE

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition and celebration of QuakeWrap, a growing business in Tucson, Arizona that is improving the safety of infrastructure around the globe. On October 1, 2014, they will be honored by the District Export Council of Arizona for their success in exporting.

QuakeWrap is to be recognized and celebrated for its job creation and sales here in the United States and in multiple international markets, including Australia, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria and Vietnam, as well as its work with the United Nations. Both private and public sector customers are utilizing its patented carbon fiber technology to repair, modernize and secure vital infrastructure for public safety and commerce, such as bridges, pipelines, buildings and piers. Among their diverse portfolio of projects, they have repaired the tunnel system under the University of Arizona, done retrofit work on Alcatraz Island in the San Francisco Bay, provided seismic retrofit for the VA Medical Center in Albuquerque, provided blast protection for the new UN building in Beirut, Lebanon and begun an extensive infrastructure pile project in Nigeria.

QuakeWrap is an example of a small U.S. business that has grown by being a leader in state-of-the-art technology and by embracing exporting as key to their growth strategy. Even in the face of great economic recession, QuakeWrap increased its revenues and created jobs in our community. QuakeWrap has also made strategic and effective utilization of key export resources at both the federal and state levels, including the U.S. Commercial Service and its Arizona Export Assistance Center in Arizona, the Arizona Commerce Authority, and the U.S. Small Business Administration—demonstrating the impactful collaboration that can indeed exist between the private and public sectors.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,770,878,224,353.80. We've added \$7,144,001,175,440.72 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 495 I was unable to attend. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEDFORD, PENNSYLVANIA'S FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 50th anniversary of Bedford's Fall Foliage Festival. This wonderful event celebrates not only the changing of the seasons, but all that the town of Bedford has to offer.

Every year, the coming of fall brings about a beautiful transformation across Central Pennsylvania. From the changing color of the leaves, to the return of autumn favorites like Sunday football and pumpkin pie, there truly is no better place to experience all that the season has to offer than in the heart of our state. That is why I am honored to stand here today to celebrate 50 years of the Bedford Fall Foliage Festival.

In 1964, the Bedford County Motor Club and the Antique Auto Club joined together to create the Historical and Fall Tour, an event which then came to be known as the Fall Foliage Festival in 1966 and has grown ever since. Today, the event draws an estimated 70,000 visitors to Bedford over the course of two weekends, and features the work of over 400 artists and craftsmen. In addition, parades, antique cars, the crowning of the fall foliage queen, and a wide range of musical entertainment offer excitement for people of all ages. The event is one of the largest fall foliage festivals in the Northeast, and its 50th anniversary this year promises to be the best one yet.

I would like to thank all of the dedicated volunteers who have put so much effort into making the Bedford Fall Foliage Festival such a lasting success. Their hard work has ensured that the festival continues to be a highlight every autumn, and I know that it will only get better in the years to come. I'm proud to have such a wonderful event in the 9th District, and hope that everyone has a chance to visit and experience fall in Bedford County.

HONORING RON TINGLEY

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the life of Ron Tingley, who passed away September 8th in a tragic traffic accident. Ron was born to Ethel and Richard Tingley January 31, 1947. His lifelong interest in our veterans started with his father who was a World War II vet stationed primarily in Guam. In addition, his grandfather served as a motorcycle courier in Germany during World War I. After retiring from 41 years of service as a counselor at Modesto Junior College, Ron wanted to give back and continued his work with our country's veterans.

Mr. Tingley played an instrumental part in establishing the Veteran's Resource Center (VRC) at Modesto Junior College (MJC). The VRC opened three years ago as a permanent location for vets to meet, study, and share camaraderie. Once in place, Ron worked with veteran students to solidify the purposes and services of the VRC. Uniting partners in the community helped the VRC extend services beyond the college campus.

In addition, Mr. Tingley collaborated with off-campus resources to educate and train MJC veteran students to facilitate peer support groups. He became keenly aware of the needs of spouses and dependents and it was